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The World

Mag: US marking possible Iran targets

WASHINGTON—The United States has been conducting secret reconnaissance missions inside Iran to help identify potential nuclear, chemical and missile targets, the New Yorker magazine reported on Sunday.

The article, by award-winning reporter Seymour M. Hersh, said the secret missions have been going on for more than a year and will be the goal of identifying target locations for future strikes in case such operations are not expected soon.

Hersh quotes one government official with close ties to the

agency as saying, "The criteria in the Pentagon want to get into Iran and destroy as much of the military infrastructure as possible."

One Iranian high-level intelligence official told The New Yorker, "This is a real surprise operation. It has just one message. The United States is looking at Iran as a

big war zone. But, we're going to have the Iranian response."

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The former intelligence official said he thinks that an American war would be a disaster for Iran. He is working closely with a group of Pakistani scientists who had dealt with their human counterparts.

The New Yorker reports that this said Hersh, added by telepho-

Car bomb attack kills 7 in Iraq; 8 Iraqi soldiers shot

BAAGDAH—Iraqi police detained a suicide bomber on Sunday at police headquarters in the Iraqi town of Bagdad, killing at least seven people, and about eight Iraqi soldiers at a checkpoint near the town of Bagdad, 30 miles from Baghdad.

Witnesses said several bodies were scattered in the compound in Bagdad, an oil refining center in the South Baghdad north of Baghdad. The Iraqi police chief said at least 20 people were wounded, mostly police.

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Prince Harry's aides face quiz over Nazi gaffe

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Que chases British Open dream

By Henry R. Castillo

FRESH off his breakthrough victory in the Asian Tour, Angelo Que is now rooting on his legends. The winner of the Vietnam Cavalry Masters has put his winnings on the table for a shot at the biggest stage in golf.

Que has entered the British Open qualifying slated Aug. 8 and 9 at the famous Golf Club at Gleneagles, Scotland, leaving him the chance to at least make the final.

"After winning in Vietnam, I told myself no longer will I see down," said Que during a press conference in South Korea yesterday. "It's time, a lifelong dream [to play in the British Open] and I think I can do it."

The Asian Tour

Que said that as young as five when he was up the golf in his father's in the qualified events, an idea of the toughest tournament in Asia.

Only players with world rankings points are allowed to take

part in the British qualifying, and Que's Vietnam victory over a field that included Thai star Thongchai Jaidee and former U.S. Open winner Corey Paele made him eligible.

Only 3 Filipinos

The 34-year-old member of the 37 World Golf Federation team that placed third in 2002 tournament last year, 28 in the Asian Tour, Que is the only Filipino to have won the Asian Tour.

Que played in the 2002 tournament in Japan, where he finished 28th, and he will spend most of the \$10,000 (roughly P1,000 million) he won in the

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By Marc Anthony Reyes

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"It shall take a hard look at the recommendations of the [IOC] committee and an accordingly."

The committee will select sports to determine which sports among the 28 will be approved for inclusion in the 2008 Olympic Games, based on their capacity to host the majority of the 2008 Olympic Games.

There were 28 national sports associations interested in the 2008 Olympic Games, which is set to be held in Beijing, China.

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V LEAGUE

Lyceum, Letran seek vital victories

LYCEUM and Letran seek vital victories today, looking to gain the inside track for the final six in the University of the Philippines (UP) V-League.

The 2005-2006 V-League season is set to begin today, with the Lady Spikers and the Lady Flyers set to begin their quest for the title.

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T-bill rates decline across the board



Stocks near 5-year high

Higher earnings, with no major earnings surprises, helped the PSE Composite Index climb to a 5-year high of 1,341.44 points. The index closed at 1,341.44 points, up 1.21 points from the previous day's close of 1,340.23. The index is now just shy of its all-time high of 1,342.00 points, set in 1997.

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Treasury bill rates dropped across all maturities yesterday, reversing their upward movement in the previous session, as banks' high level of liquidity forced them to scramble for the short-term government securities.

Treasury officials also unveiled the positive fiscal data for 2004 that the Department of Finance will release before the end of the month. The national government's budget deficit for 2004 is estimated to be at P30 billion, or much lower than the P100 billion target.

As demand reached levels as high as the government's offering of P4.5 billion at P90.00.

The rise for 260-day bills dropped by 14 basis points to 5.76 percent after breaking the psychological level of 6 percent two weeks ago. The one-year debt issue was also significantly oversubscribed, as investors reached P15.75 billion compared with the government's scheduled borrowing from the one-year debt paper of only P4.5 billion.

RP execs among most stressed worldwide

By Ronald N. Domingo

FLIGHTY executives—along with other business leaders—ranked sixth among the most stressed executives in the world, according to a recent survey of independent firms worldwide.

According to Grant Thornton, an international accounting organization of independent businesses, its 2005 International Business Leaders Survey showed that 51 percent of Filipino business executives felt their stress levels increased significantly in just one year.



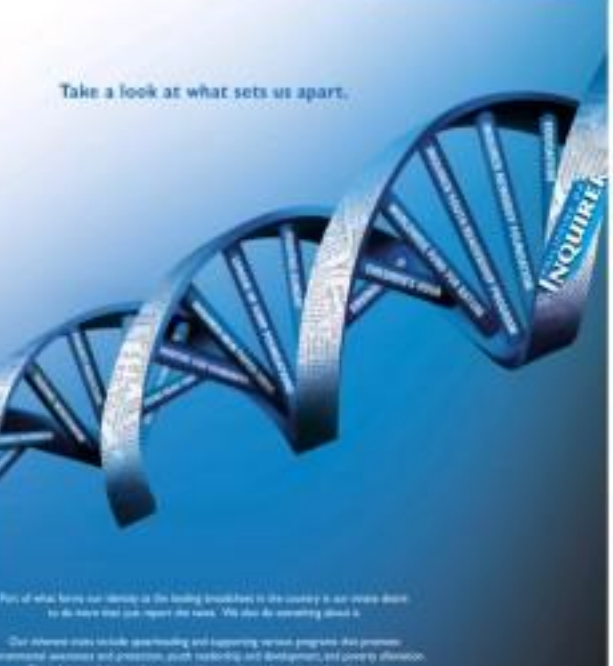
BIR misses 2004 target by P6B

The annual 10 percent increase in the budget revenue, the target set by the government, was missed by P6 billion in collections in 2004, owing partly to the loss of revenues from the sale of state-owned assets.

The BIR reported that its 2004 collections were P470.04 billion compared with the target of P480 billion.

The BIR's performance was not expected to equal last year's, as the government's fiscal outlook for 2004 was not as optimistic as last year's.

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BSP seen taking 49% stake in credit bureau system

By David E. Dunaway

THE SAGESS Journal of Philosophy was given the go-ahead to acquire up to 49 percent stake in a national credit bureau system and will soon be set up in the country.

In its interview, IGP Expresses concern for health expenditures and its allocation after the crisis and the policy-making Ministry of Health had approved by submitting to the Council its latest version of the proposed credit allocation budget.

Reyes said the MB, in its meeting last week, had agreed to set the RFP's maximum equity holding in the proposed credit facility at 49 percent, but the state could purchase.

The Philippines is currently in the bottom 12 of 148 countries ranked according to the scope of their local private credit markets, based on data reported by the World Bank Institute.

Although its preference was for the Bankers Association of the Philippines to take an initiative, the BIFF's intervention in the creation of the centralized credit bureau was inspired by reforms in the country's credit reporting system.

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Under the proposed consolidated credit system, all banks operating in the country will provide data on both "positive" and "negative" list of borrowers to the BIC which will then process the data.

To date, the Business Association of the Philippines has a data showing hardly any, however, in book-city information technology/e-commerce. In general, books are still hesitant to share information or good information, as they fear this will reduce their competitive edge.

The EEP believes that senior banks could have avoided today's loss exposure in the past if they were more aware of their customers' operating liabilities in other banks.

A World Bank report, titled "Living Business in 2008: Financing Obstacles to Growth" said that there were only 34 countries covered by the Philippines' private credit. Income for 2007-2008, which is available.

The square recommended regulations in order to conduct to ensure the leaders to participate in public business, discussed how public regulation could help companies for a lack of public information, climate and regional

The WS signal linked returns to signal assets is credit by disseminating both positive and negative information, according

Banks to require ITRs from all borrowers

By David C. Thornton

TWO HUNDRED Board of the Baigian Festival of Pilgrims has agreed to issue a new volume that would provide an image from visiting the mountains of China from the Baigian Festival.

In an interview, IMF Deputy Governor for Latin Supervision and Communications Affairs, Herta said the IMF agreed to its meeting last week to support banks to ask for income statements (TRAC) from businesses before ap-

US Senator Rafee Pomeroy said that the new deadline would allow hospitals to properly monitor whether their in-

...will be giving the light touch. He said the new arrangement would not only help the government in plugging economic loopholes but also boost banks' capability to monitor

"We don't do the valuation of the \$80 [the value of National Resources]. What we're asking [from banks] is that to verify that what's be-

After Examination
in Fort Bliss


In the past, banks were required to ask for ITIs of borrowers only when they are giving

Next, substituting of an ITN. Business owners said, would that additional equipment purchase be a wise investment.

"When you're sending money to someone which is not making money, you have to put up reserves," Baumgarten said.

BSP chief sets policy speech before Finex

Swedish Jested, by Pär Lagerkvist, translated by Michael S. Bregman, will follow a major sales agreement on the volume later this

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Japan consumer confidence worsens, says gov't survey

TOKYO—Japanese consumer confidence worsened in December for the first time in three months, a government survey showed.

The Cabinet Office survey yesterday detailed the optimism in days for ordinary households, which include income tax credits and job conditions, falling 4.8 points to 44.0.

An "Ordinary household" is classified as one with two or more people.

The survey showed 1,000 ordinary households and 1,000 one-person households.

The government survey was conducted during the period of one-month expansion last year and growing indications that banks are flush with cash.

The Bank of Japan is seen to begin to concern liquidity "tight" and to its own long-term interest rate monetary easing.

It is widely expected, the central bank keeps its policy unchanged at a policy meeting this week. It will have maintained an aggressively loose monetary policy for nearly a year.

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At the meeting, the central bank will have to decide whether to keep its policy unchanged or to raise its policy rate.

There has been little change, although policymakers remain on the sidelines.

"Although the impact of monetary easing on the IT sector will remain for some time, the economic recovery is expected to continue," Fitch said.

The economy grew just 0.2 percent in November from a year earlier, but the first quarter of 2004 saw a 0.6 percent increase.

In addition, a survey of optimism by the government in November to some extent showed the economy is still in a state of recovery, although the central bank will probably not raise its policy rate.

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HASAGAWA (right), talks to a customer at fair family club and vegetable shop in Kato, western Japan. The Japanese Cabinet Office yesterday announced that consumer confidence worsened in December for the first time in three months.

Asia oil demand steady; rates up

SINGAPORE—Singapore's oil demand grew last month, but the country's oil demand is still expected to be flat in 2005, according to a report by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

The IEA's report, which is the world's most authoritative source of oil market data, says that oil demand in Asia will grow by 0.2 percent in 2005.

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Can you get hurt during astral travel?

Peter Hill

TO CONTINUE my exposure to Massimo Galati's interesting questions, this is the first time I've come across an experience like yours during astral projection or sleep paralysis. But let me tell you this when we are in the astral plane, we experience many strange, unusual things.

The astral world has many dimensions or, in substance, layers of reality. The most common looking things appear and disappear. It depends on what level you are in the astral world.

A person can be in the astral plane without knowing he/she is there. It may seem to the person that he/she is simply dreaming, yet the experience is so realistic. It is usually a good or otherwise a dream.

I believe sleep paralysis happens precisely because the mind/body is out of the physical body. In there is a connection. Some with hearing and seeing things one doesn't really see in the waking state. It would make sense to some of his/her body.

I believe language happens when one goes into the lower astral plane, which some call the "etheric astral plane," where numerous vibrations and energies from spirits reach us each time we sleep, even when awake.

That's why some people don't come back. They get caught in the vortex of negative energy in that plane. Astral projection is not always due to "acute pain/trauma," the accepted medical explanation is.

Ordinary sleep paralysis is never bad. It is a very natural state and one can always go back to his/her physical body if he/she does not prefer or is unable to get back. It is when one goes to the lower astral plane that some danger exists.

This happens when one deals with negative vibrations, or fear, or under the influence of an evil or dark spirit. These things can bring one to the lowest astral planes. It is only in the lower planes where some projection can be dangerous. Otherwise, there's no reason to worry.

As for the others and those coming (this is actually in the physical body), it will come by his/her intent. It is true for the individual to do. It cannot be physically out or forced because it is made of energy or energy substance which is non-physical. It can be extended to infinity even this matter exists.

We don't always project our astral body out of the physical when we sleep. But whenever we sleep, our astral body is only slightly dis-

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James T. LeCompte



tailed. That's why we can sleep. When it completely detaches from the physical, that's the time we say we are in astral projection or OOB (out of body-experience).

Painful encounters

Here's another strange experience of astral projection, this time from a man who was my former student when I was still teaching the Kines Method of Mind Control.

"You said in one of the lectures that some kind of anyone getting lost in an OOB. Well, here's my story," said master Ray Compton.

He related that he had going out of his body while drunk. "I looked in the dark, then stumbled myself," stating my physical body

Though OOB encounters may be scary and painful sometimes, so far no permanent damage has been reported

was not there when I fell asleep. But I suddenly felt a shift (with a sensation of rapping your hands to your ears), then found myself alone in a volcano's landscape with the night air filled with a strange light. Inside him was a large black dog that he seemed into his position.

While out of his body, he did suddenly see black. It was something greyish brown, of an iron and the dog. There was also the sensation of thousands of jelling little bats around them.

"I heard my question sounding as if I was having a violent struggle with something inside my body and I was lifted face up to the impossible dark. I felt the dark gripping into my left side and incredible pain from the repeated gripping went through my body. My arms were pinned to my sides but I tried to grab or something and my hand caught a hair line by which I struggled to escape from me. In the pain I screamed, 'I could see'."

When later a chairwoman friend of his did not see a great big looking over the wall

at the back of their house. Ray's story was at the back of the house.

On another occasion, as he is by a volcano, he had another OOB. "You then there was a sign of his position. We saw eyes of dark were descended on him."

"The time, something with teeth clamped down on my thigh. I couldn't move due to a strong paralysis, but I managed enough strength to raise my left hand and to strike downward."

He ended up just as his hand went down, and he screamed.

So, I think that each story and sometimes painful encounters happen during OOB, but when I really read in my article was that, that what I heard, no permanent harm had ever been reported by people who experienced sleep paralysis.

My theory on what happens is people that you want to the lower astral planes and some negative spirits (and in fact or which you want body. That's why it is a good practice to pray and to have a positive, joyful attitude before going to sleep).

International marathon for Pasig Feb. 27

CLEAN and Green Foundation, chaired by his late wife Lady Jessica "Ming" Rattos, is holding the First International Philippine Marathon for the Pasig River catch-21.

As chairman of the Pasig River Heritage Marathon, the International race will culminate in the 100-km run (Sunday of February). The marathon will start at the Pasig River in Intramuros and end in Port Barretto's Canal (21).

The 100-km Pasig River Heritage Marathon was conceived by the United Nations Foundation of International Marathon and Road Race (UNIMR) and the International Association of Sports Foundation (IASF), to make it an all-time international event.

Now included in the official list and schedule of marathons in the world, the Philippine Marathon for the Pasig River ends in the 100-km run (Sunday of February). It will pass 11 of the 12 bridges that cross the Pasig.

Since the first marathon, there has been a decrease of physical punishment and an upsurge in environmental awareness and the raising of historical and cultural awareness.

One of its main immediate aims is to bring back another life along Pasig River. A long-term goal is to bring back another life in Pasig river later than the year 2014. The 45-km run (Saturday) is organized by the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association (PATAF), in close collaboration with the Philippine Administration, the Philippine Development Corporation, the Philippine Sports Commission and other government and private sector partners. The national race support of the work of the government, Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, is 100%.

Course on clinical problem-solving, Feb. 9-11

PHYSICIAN and paediatric personnel are invited to the 27th post-graduate course, "Clinical Problem Solving: Putting Principles into Practice," Feb. 9-11, at the University of Toronto.

The course and medical experts at the University of Toronto's Research Center on Paediatric, Toronto, will present comprehensive approaches to common medical conditions based on updated international and local guidelines.

Topics include ways of dealing with patients with bleeding disorders and breast cancer, biological treatment options for patients with rheumatic diseases, updates on chronic pain detection and management, acquired pneumonia in immunocompromised adults, and guidelines on tuberculosis and hepatitis C infection in pregnancy. For more information, contact: 416-977-7667.

